

All District Engineers

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Special Provision for Concrete Barrier

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This special provision was developed by the Bureau of Design and Environment to redesign IDOT's permanent concrete barrier to the F shape. It has been revised to reflect a pay item name change. It should be inserted into all contracts using concrete barrier.

The districts should include the BDE Check Sheet marked with the applicable special provisions for the July 30, 2004 and subsequent lettings. The Project Development and Implementation Section will include a copy in the contract.

This special provision will be available on the transfer directory April 16, 2004.

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CONCRETE BARRIER (BDE)

Effective: January 1, 2004

Revised: April 2, 2004

Revise Section 637 of the Standard Specifications to read:

“SECTION 637. CONCRETE BARRIER

637.01 Description. This work shall consist of constructing a concrete barrier and its base.

637.02 Materials. Materials for concrete barrier and concrete base shall conform to the requirements of the following Articles of Section 1000 - Materials:

Item	Article/Section
(a) Portland Cement Concrete	1020
(b) Tie Bars (Note 1)	1006.10(a)(b)
(c) Dowel Bars.....	1006.11(b)
(d) Protective Coat.....	1023
(e) Non-Shrink Grout	1024
(f) Chemical Adhesive.....	1027
(g) Preformed Expansion Joint Filler.....	1051.01 – 1051.08

Note 1. Tie bars shall be Grade 400 (Grade 60).

Materials for bituminous concrete base shall conform to the requirements of Article 356.02.

637.03 Equipment. Equipment for concrete barrier shall conform to the requirements of the following Articles of Section 1100 - Equipment:

Item	Article/Section
(a) Hand Vibrator	1103.17(a)
(b) 3 m (10 ft) Straightedge.....	1103.17(h)

Equipment for portland cement concrete base shall conform to the requirements of Article 483.03.

Equipment for bituminous concrete base shall conform to the requirements of Article 356.03.

CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS

637.04 Barrier Base. The base may be constructed separately or poured monolithically with the barrier. When constructed separately, portland cement concrete base shall be constructed according to Articles 483.04 – 483.06, except the surface shall be finished

according to Article 503.09(a). Bituminous concrete base shall be constructed according to Articles 356.05 and 356.06.

637.05 Anchoring. Barrier shall be anchored to the base by the methods shown on the plans. When tie bars are used, they shall be installed in preformed or drilled holes with a non-shrink grout or chemical adhesive.

637.06 Barrier Construction. Concrete barrier shall be constructed according to the applicable portions of Articles 503.06 and 503.07. Where the horizontal alignment of the concrete barrier is curved, the barrier shall be constructed either on the curved alignment or on cords not more than 3 m (10 ft) in length.

When slipformed, the vertical centerline of the barrier shall not vary from the proposed centerline by more than 75 mm (3 in.) nor by more than 13 mm in 3 m (1/2 in. in 10 ft). All surfaces shall be checked with a 3 m (10 ft) straightedge as the concrete exits the slipform mold. Surface irregularities greater than 10 mm in 3 m (3/8 in. in 10 ft) shall be corrected immediately. Continued variations in the barrier surface exceeding 6 mm in 3 m (1/4 in. in 10 ft) will not be permitted and remedial action shall immediately be taken to correct the problem. Any deformations or bulges remaining after the initial set shall be removed by grinding after the concrete has hardened. All holes and honeycombs shall be patched immediately.

637.07 Barrier Transitions. Transitions between barriers of different design shall be constructed according to the details shown on the plans.

637.08 Joints. Joints shall be constructed as shown on the plans and as follows:

- (a) Construction Joints. Construction joints shall be constructed in the barrier whenever there is an interruption in the pour of more than 30 minutes.
- (b) Expansion Joints. Expansion joints shall be constructed in the barrier and the base in line with expansion joints in the adjacent pavement or shoulder. Expansion joints shall also be constructed at locations where the barrier abuts a rigid structure.

Prior to placing concrete, a light coating of oil shall be uniformly applied to the dowel bars.

- (c) Contraction Joints. Contraction joints shall be constructed in the barrier at uniform intervals with a maximum spacing of 6 m (20 ft) or in line with contraction joints in the adjacent pavement or shoulder. Contraction joints shall be formed by a groove 3 mm (1/8 in.) wide by 50 mm (2 in.) deep either formed in the plastic concrete or sawed after the concrete has set.

637.09 Finishing. The surface of concrete barrier shall be finished according to Article 503.16(a).

637.10 Protective Coat. When required, the top and vertical surfaces of the barrier exposed to traffic shall receive a protective coat. The application of the protective coat shall be according to Article 420.21.

637.11 Method of Measurement. This work will be measured as follows:

- (a) Contract Quantities. The requirements for the use of contract quantities shall be according to Article 202.07(a).
- (b) Measured Quantities. New barrier base, both separate and monolithic, will be measured for payment in meters (feet) in place, along the centerline of the base or barrier. The width of the base will be defined as the width of the barrier.

Concrete barrier will be measured for payment in meters (feet) in place, along the centerline of the barrier.

Barrier transitions will be measured for payment in meters (feet) in place, along the centerline of the transition.

Protective coat will be measured for payment according to Article 420.22(b).

637.12 Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per meter (foot) for BARRIER BASE; CONCRETE BARRIER, DOUBLE FACE, of the height specified; CONCRETE BARRIER, SINGLE FACE, of the height specified; and CONCRETE BARRIER TRANSITION.

Protective coat will be paid for according to Article 420.23.”